

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 9

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 5

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Relative to Pet Care Education Month.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 9, McCarty. Pet Care Education Month.

This measure would declare the month of January 2016 as Pet Care Education Month and would request Californians to observe the month by ensuring that their companion animals receive the proper preventative care by establishing a financial plan for pet health emergencies and by contributing to charitable organizations that provide low-cost spay and neuter services and vaccinations or funds to help low-income individuals pay for veterinary care.

WHEREAS, An increasing number of dogs and cats in the United States do not get the regular, preventative health care that they need to stay healthy; and

WHEREAS, Animal welfare organizations often bear the burden of dealing with animal health care issues that could have been prevented, such as dental and skin issues, nutritional deficiencies, heartworm, pyometra, distemper, and parvo; and

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of California to encourage pet owners to take steps to responsibly care for their pets, including providing for responsible nutrition and regular visits to a veterinarian, and ensuring that their pets receive proper preventative care such as vaccinations, spaying or neutering, oral care, and heartworm prevention; and

WHEREAS, National and local animal welfare organizations, animal shelters, animal control agencies, veterinarians, and others engaged in the care and feeding of pets will join together to advocate for “Pet Care Education Month,” which will help Californians receive affordable preventative care for their pets throughout the month of January 2016; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California declares the month of January 2016 as Pet Care Education Month in California and requests Californians to observe the month by ensuring that their companion animals receive the proper preventative care by establishing a financial plan for pet health emergencies and by contributing to charitable organizations that provide low-cost spay and neuter services and vaccinations or funds to help low-income individuals pay for veterinary care; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.